

EMS Systems And The Authorization To Practice

2011 Georgia Office of EMS Updates

Who is the State Office of EMS?

Info about OEMS should
be provided during initial
training programs

Role of Office is outlined
in Official Code of GA 31-
11

Defined in Rules and
Regs



Leadership at OEMS

Keith Wages, Director

Mickey Moore, Deputy Director

Pat O'Neal, MD, Medical Director

Jill Mabley, MD, Deputy Medical Director

Ten EMS Regions

Each Region Office has a Program Director

Website

<http://www.ems.ga.gov>

- License renewal information
- FREE on-line classroom for EMS CEUs
- Links to 31-11 and Rules and Regulations
- Access to State Emergency Pre-Hospital Protocols
- Links to Regional Offices
- Other important information

Licensure

Successfully complete an approved initial training program

Successfully complete National Registry testing

Apply to the SOEMS

Maintain licensure by meeting renewal requirements

License Renewal Requirements

Serious Stuff

- CPR required
- ACLS required for CT and Paramedics
- 40 additional hours of approved CE credit to include:
 - 4 hours trauma
 - 4 hour cardiac
 - 8 hours pediatric



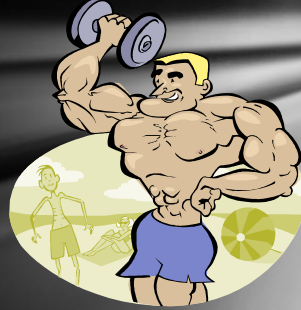
Your License...

Is not a “stand alone” license

Is an extension of your medical director

Is not permission to “practice medicine”

- Your scope of practice is determined by OEMS and your medical director



Scope of Practice

New Scope of Practice for Georgia effective July 01, 2011

Can be located on the website previously provided

<http://www.ems.ga.gov>



Old Levels vs. New Levels

Old Levels

- (First Responder)
- EMT-Basic
- EMT-Intermediate/1985
- Cardiac Technician
- EMT-Paramedic

New Levels

- (EMR)
- EMT
- EMT-Intermediate/1985
- Advanced EMT
- Cardiac Technician
- Paramedic

What is "Credentialing"?



Credentialing: The process of establishing the qualifications of licensed professionals and assessing their background and legitimacy.

A Word About Medical Directors...

All EMS Services have a medical director

Respect the responsibility/liability they have assumed

Poor decisions resulting in poor outcomes effect everyone



Know Your Limitations!

Respect your Medical Director

Know your scope of practice

Follow your protocols

Take patients to the hospital

Consult a supervisor or physician if unsure what to do

Know your limitations

Protocols

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- Lists of steps (such as assessments and interventions) to be taken in different situation
- Protocols are developed by the Medical Director of an EMS System
- EMS services may choose to use State Protocols, or local Medical Directors may modify these specifically for his/her EMS service



Standing Orders

A policy or protocol issued by a Medical Director that authorizes EMTs and others to perform particular skills in certain situations

These are usually determined by the local Medical Director for a particular service and may vary from one service to another



Continuous Quality Improvement Programs



A process of continuous self-review with the purpose of identifying and correcting aspects of the system that require improvement.

Each EMS Service should have a CQI Program in place

In Summary...

Visit the website often

Be aware of changes that effect you

Take good care of your patients!

